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OF DOOM... **the SCORPION**



THAT BEAM!
I... I'M POWERLESS!

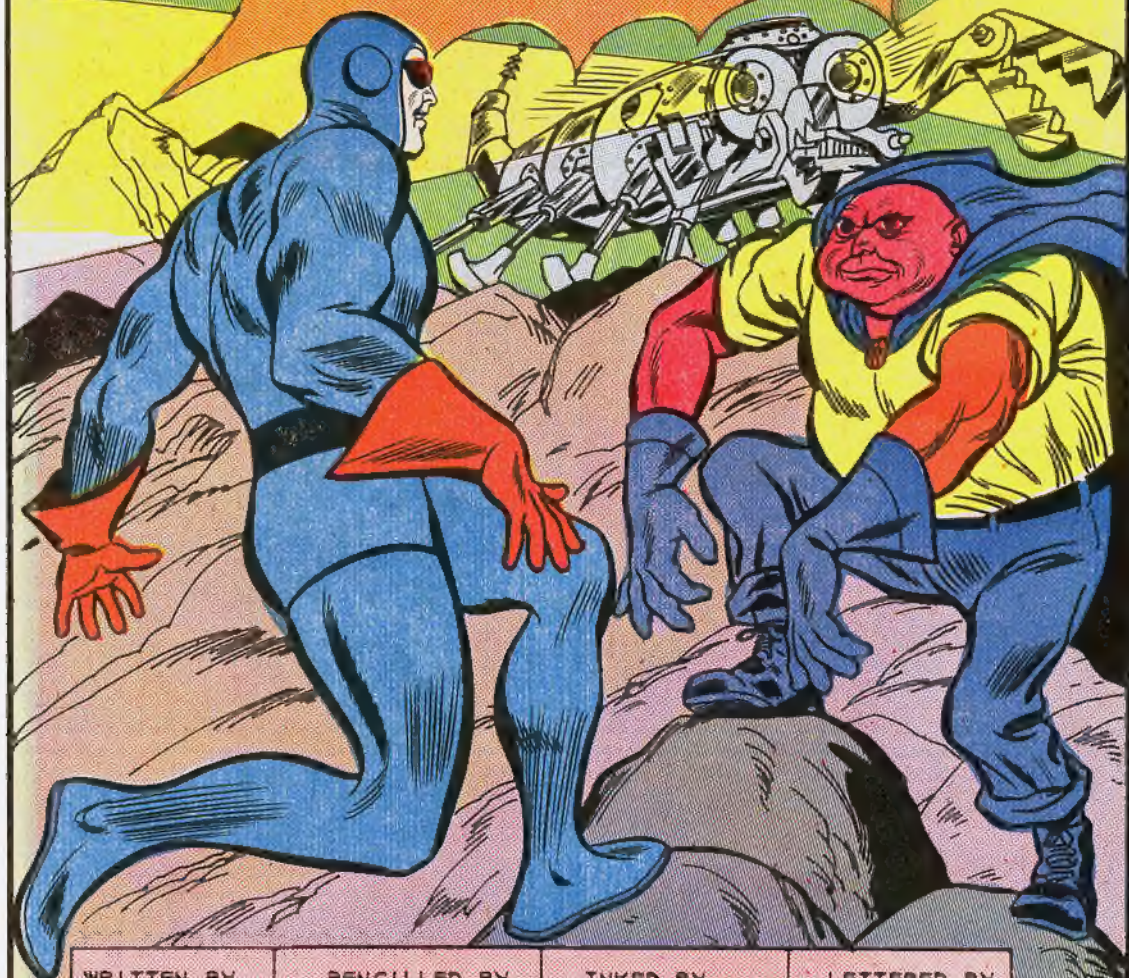
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PART 1

MEET THE EVIL MISTER CRABB
AND HIS MONSTER CREATION
OF DOOM...

the SCORPION



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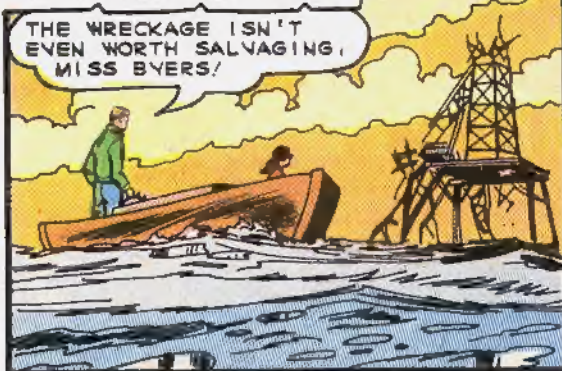
EVIL BENEATH THE SEA... DANGER AND DESTRUCTION TRAVEL WITH THIS UNBEATABLE CREATION OF THE VILLAINOUS, GREEDY MISTER CRABB! ... WITH A CREW OF HARDENED TOUGHS TO OBEY HIS INSIDIOUS ORDERS, AND HIS MAD THIRST FOR POWER, NO ONE CAN STOP HIM AND THE SCORPION EXCEPT BLUE BEETLE!

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IN THE TEXAS GULF, THERE ARE SCORES OF DRILL RIGS OFF-SHORE... NEW FIELDS ARE ALWAYS BEING DEVELOPED AND IT WAS IN ONE OF THESE NEW AREAS WHERE OIL GEOLOGISTS WERE WORKING THAT DR. DAN GARRETT, FAMED ARCHEOLOGIST, WAS TRAVELING IN A HIRED SEA SKIFF!



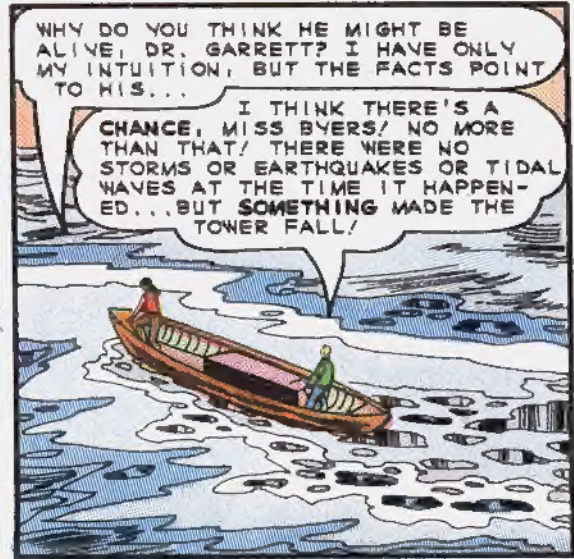
THE WRECKAGE ISN'T EVEN WORTH SALVAGING, MISS BYERS!



I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR TAKING ME OUT HERE, DR. GARRETT! I PROMISE I WON'T CRY...BUT LIKE YOU...I REFUSE TO BELIEVE MY FATHER...

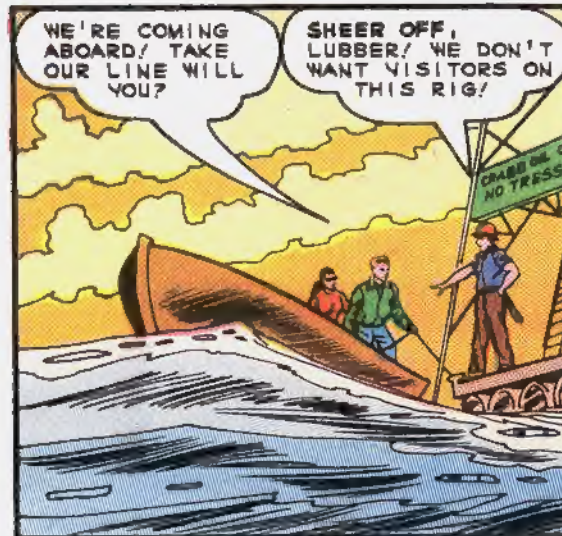


SIXTEEN TECHNICIANS FROM THE OIL RIG GOT CLEAR WHEN THEY FELT THE TOWER BEGINNING TO TOPPLE...YOUR FATHER CHOSE TO PUT ON SCUBA GEAR AND GO DOWN TO SEE WHAT WAS WRECKING HIS RIG! HE WASN'T EVER SEEN AGAIN!



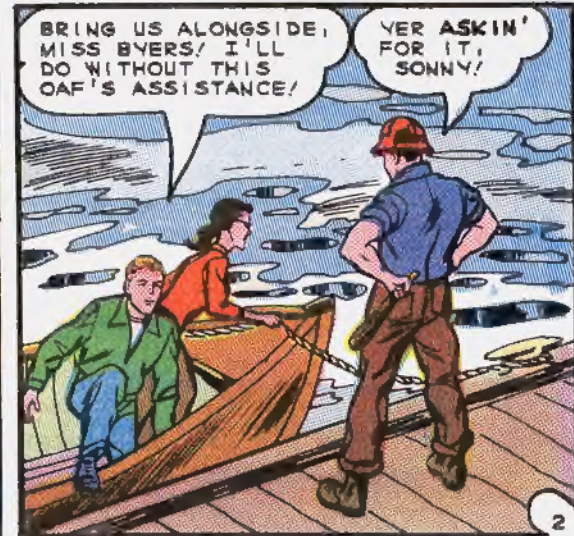
WHY DO YOU THINK HE MIGHT BE ALIVE, DR. GARRETT? I HAVE ONLY MY INTUITION, BUT THE FACTS POINT TO HIS...

I THINK THERE'S A CHANCE, MISS BYERS! NO MORE THAN THAT! THERE WERE NO STORMS OR EARTHQUAKES OR TIDAL WAVES AT THE TIME IT HAPPENED...BUT SOMETHING MADE THE TOWER FALL!



WE'RE COMING ABOARD! TAKE OUR LINE WILL YOU?

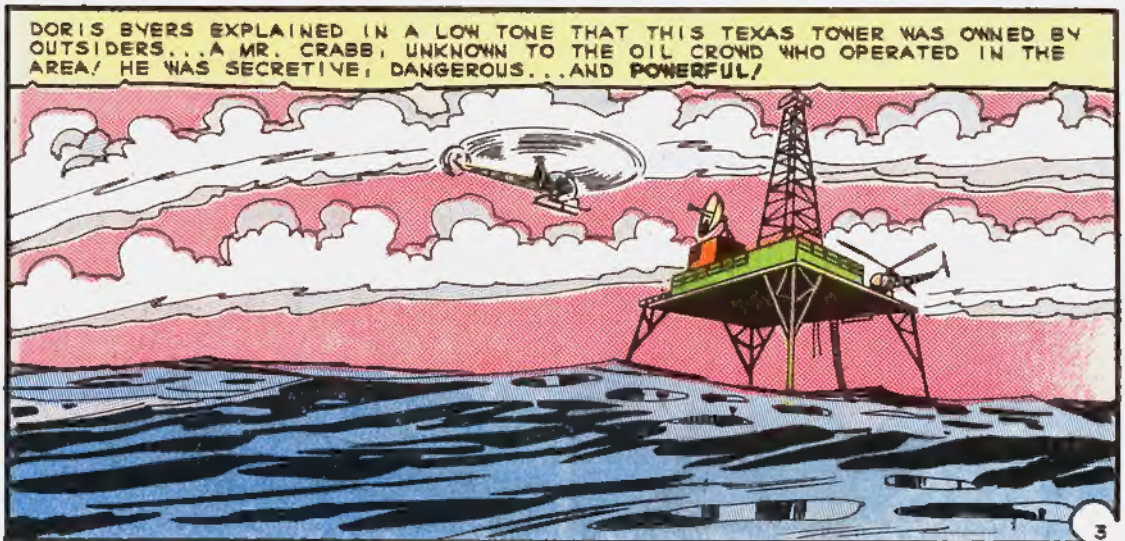
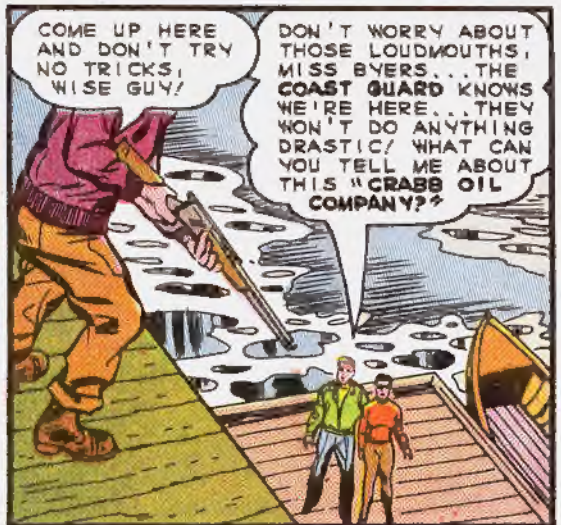
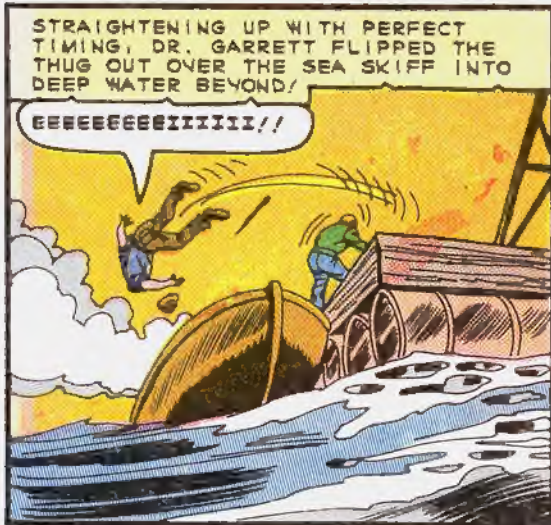
SHEER OFF, LUBBER! WE DON'T WANT VISITORS ON THIS RIG!



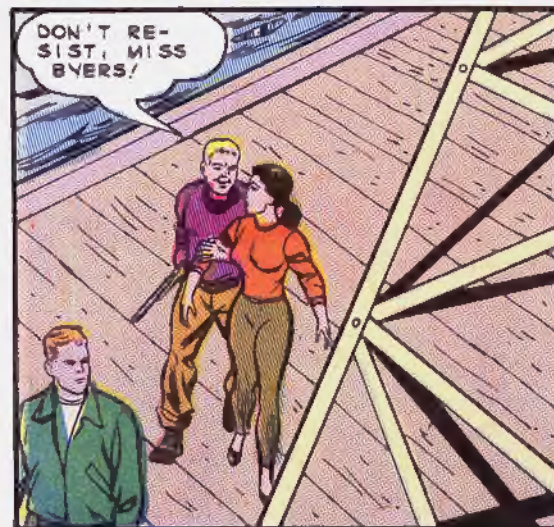
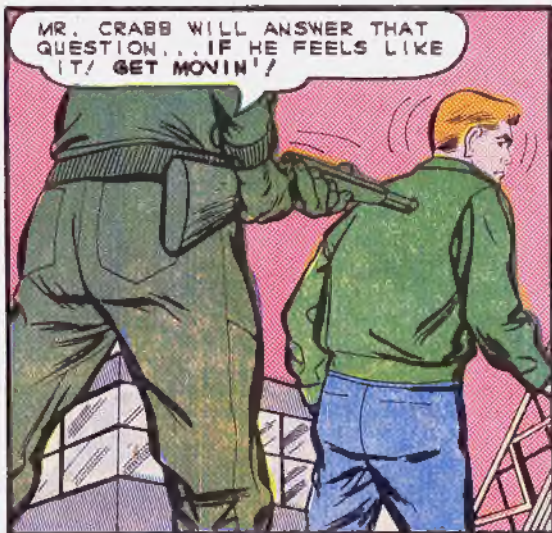
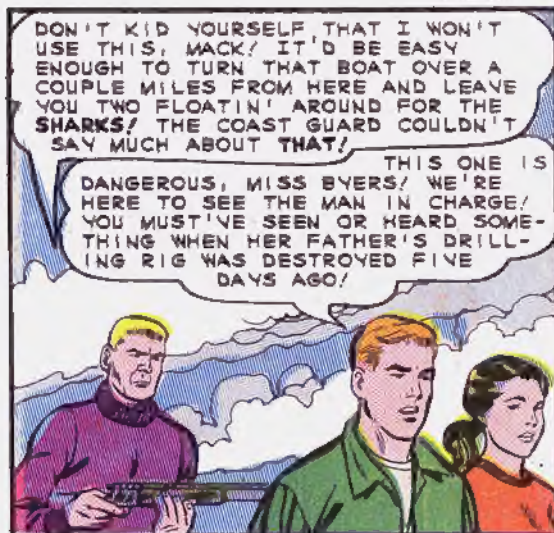
BRING US ALONGSIDE, MISS BYERS! I'LL DO WITHOUT THIS OAF'S ASSISTANCE!

VER ASKIN' FOR IT, SONNY!

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THEN, THE WEIRD LITTLE EYES OF THE MAN CALLED CRABB FOCUSED ON DR. GARRETT! THE GIRL SHUDDERED UNCONTROLLABLY AT THE INHERENT EVIL SHE SENSED IN THIS STRANGE BEING!

NOW, I UNDERSTAND YOUR STRANGE PAIRING! YOU, DR. GARRETT, ARE A NOTORIOUS MEDDLER... AND THE GIRL, OF COURSE, IS THE SURVIVING DAUGHTER OF MY UNFORTUNATE CONTEMPORARY IN THE OIL PROSPECTING BUSINESS!



WANT AN "ACCIDENT" TO BE ARRANGED, MR. CRABB? MY GUN COULD EXPLODE ACCIDENTALLY RIGHT NOW!

YOU FIENDS! I'LL BET YOU KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MY FATHER AND WHERE HE IS!

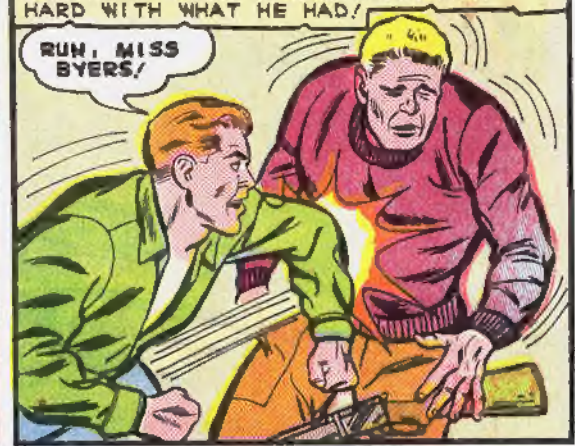


A WOMAN'S INTUITION OFTEN DISCERNS TRUTH WHERE POLICE LOGIC FAILS! I CANNOT PERMIT THESE TWO TO CONTINUE PROWLING... SACKETT!

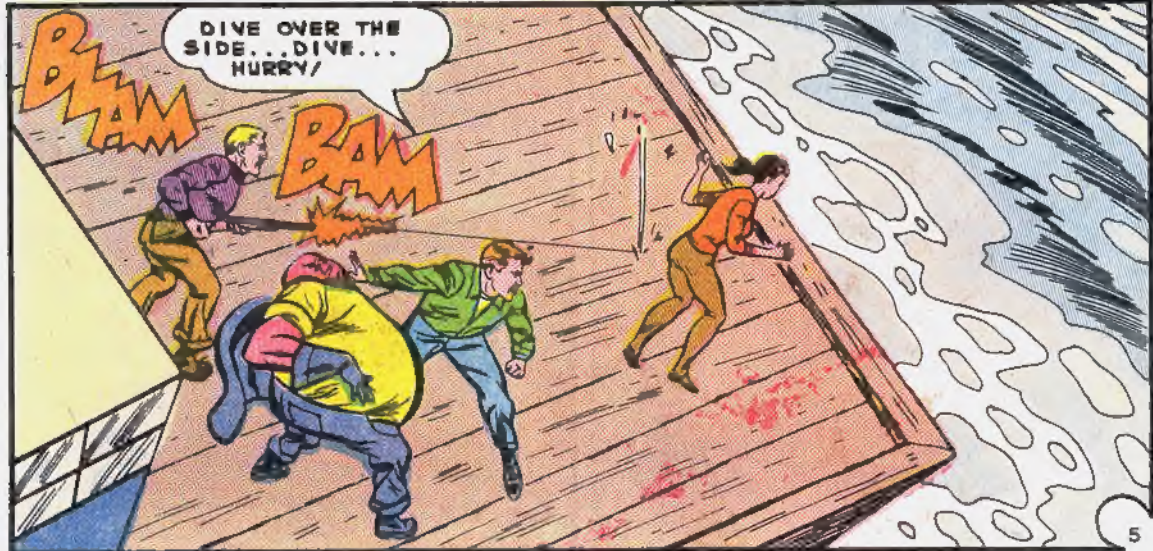


DR. DAN GARRETT, WITH NO TIME TO ASSUME THE IDENTITY OF BLUE BEETLE, AND NO OPPORTUNITY TO SUMMON BLUE BEETLE'S GREAT POWERS... STRUCK HARD WITH WHAT HE HAD!

RUN, MISS BYERS!



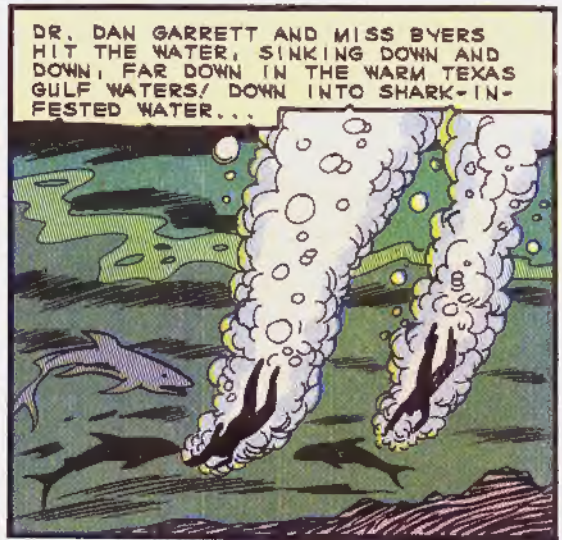
DIVE OVER THE SIDE... DIVE... HURRY!



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LET THEM GO/ PHONE TYLER... HAVE THE SCORPION READY!



DR. DAN GARRETT AND MISS BYERS HIT THE WATER, SINKING DOWN AND DOWN, FAR DOWN IN THE WARM TEXAS GULF WATERS/ DOWN INTO SHARK-IN-FESTED WATER...

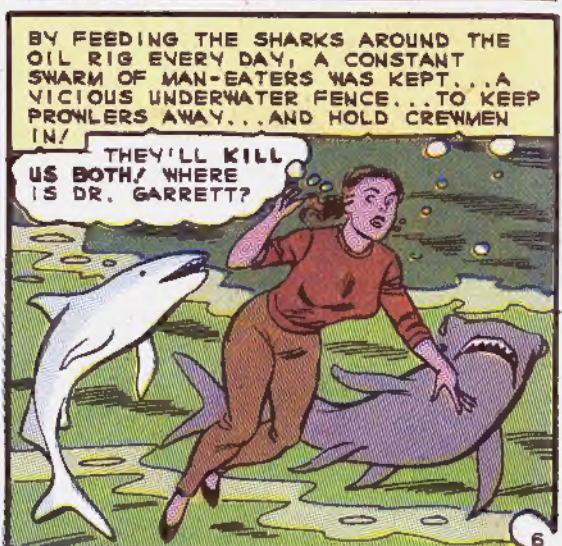


DID YOU THROW THE GARBAGE OVER AS USUAL, SACKETT? ARE OUR SHARP-TEETH FRIENDS NEAR?

PLENTY OF SHARK FOOD TO KEEP THE HAMMERHEAD SHARKS, TIGER SHARKS, WHITE SHARKS, AND ALL THEM PETS REAL CLOSE BY!



VERY WELL/ WE WILL TAKE THE ELEVATOR DOWN INTO THE HULL OF SCORPION AND SEARCH THE WATERS... IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THESE TWO DO SURVIVE!



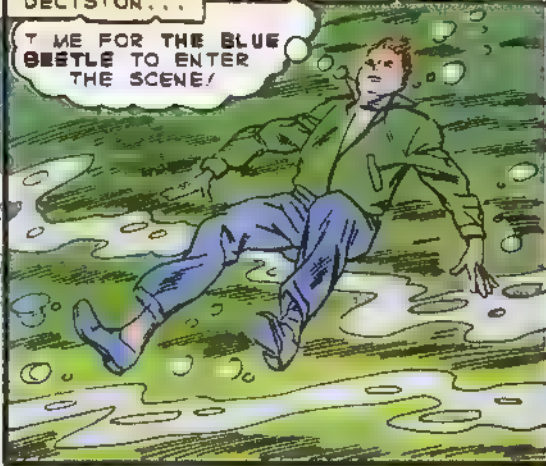
BY FEEDING THE SHARKS AROUND THE OIL RIG EVERY DAY, A CONSTANT SWARM OF MAN-EATERS WAS KEPT... A VICIOUS UNDERWATER FENCE... TO KEEP PROWLERS AWAY... AND HOLD CREWMEN IN!

THEY'LL KILL US BOTH/ WHERE IS DR. GARRETT?

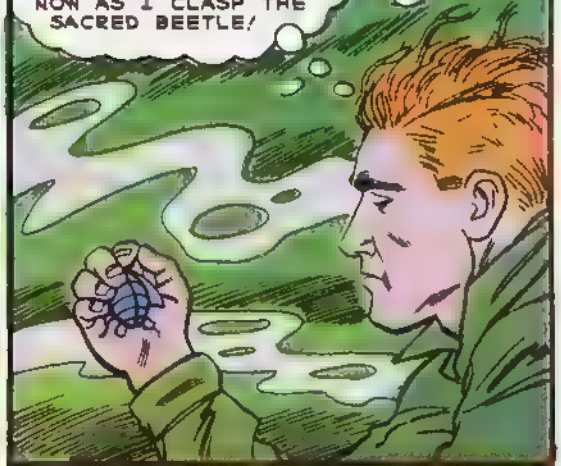
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WHERE IS DR. DAN GARRETT? AFTER HITTING THE WATER HE MADE A FAST DECISION...

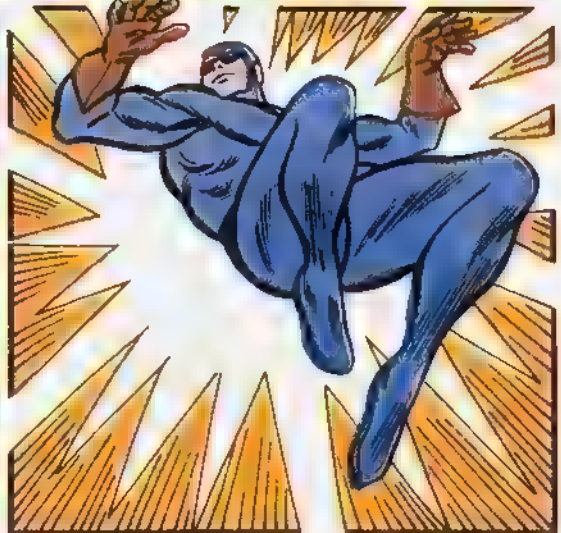
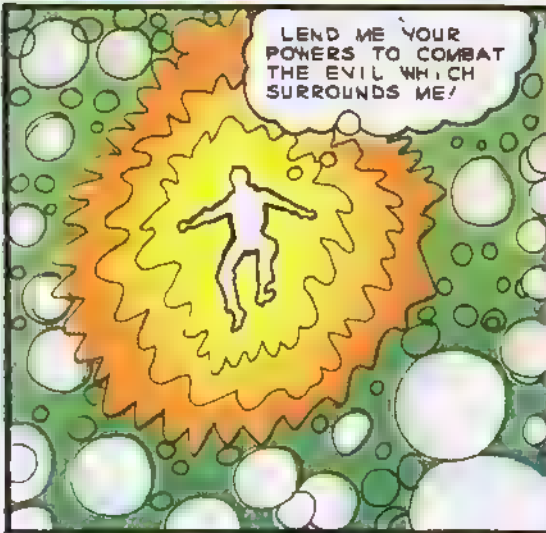
LEND ME FOR THE BLUE BEETLE TO ENTER THE SCENE!



OH MIGHTY ANCIENT PHARAOES...HELP ME NOW AS I CLASP THE SACRED BEETLE!

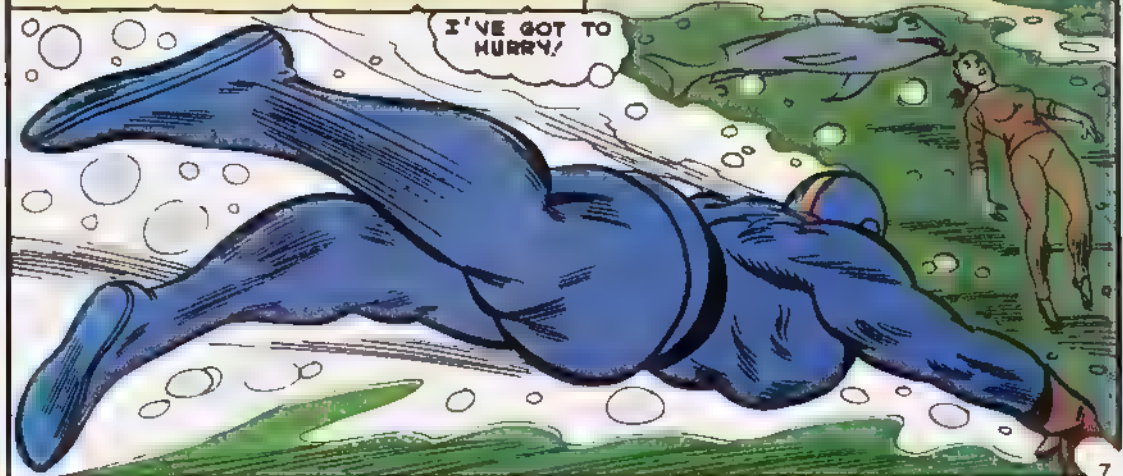


LEND ME YOUR POWERS TO COMBAT THE EVIL WHICH SURROUNDS ME!



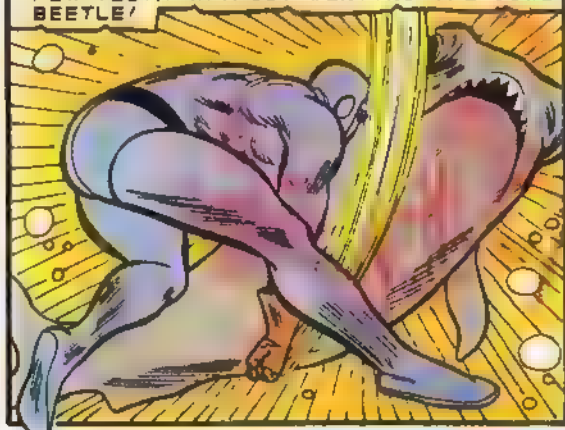
SWIMMING THROUGH A SCHOOL OF TIGER-SHARKS, THE BLUE FIGHTER-OF-CRIME MADE HIS WAY TOWARD THE DOOMED GIRL!

I'VE GOT TO HURRY!

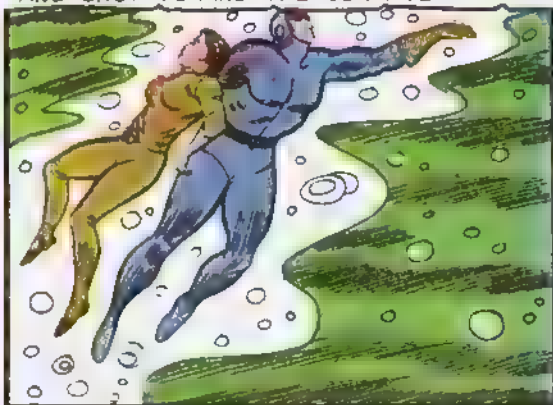


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BLUE BEETLE FLASHED PAST THE GIRL AND A RIGID ARM SMASHED INTO THE HAMMERHEAD'S JAWS! THE GIANT PREDATOR CRUNCHED DOWN...AND LOST A FEW TEETH WITHOUT DENTING THE BLUE BEETLE!

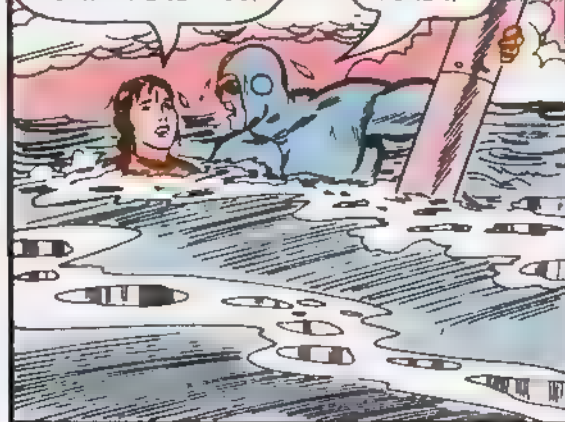


SMASHING AT THE MAN-EATERS, ARROWING THROUGH THE DEEP WATER FASTER THAN THEY COULD SWIM, BLUE BEETLE DROVE THE MAN-EATERS BACK...THEN GRABBED THE DROWNING DORIS BYERS AND SHOT TOWARD THE SURFACE!



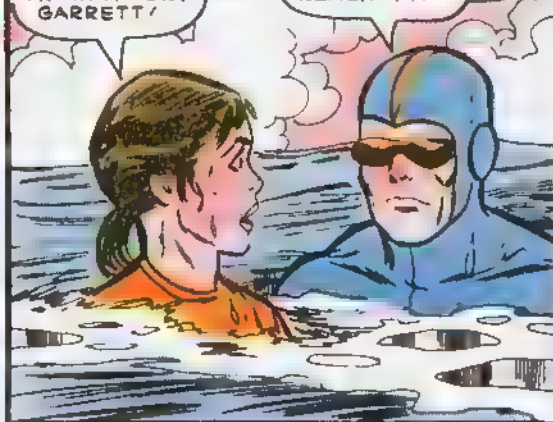
I...I'M ALL RIGHT NOW! PLEASE... PLEASE SAVE DR. GARRETT! HE'S DOWN THERE TOO!

DR. GARRETT IS SAFE! I SAW HIM CLIMB UP ON THE TEXAS TOWER!



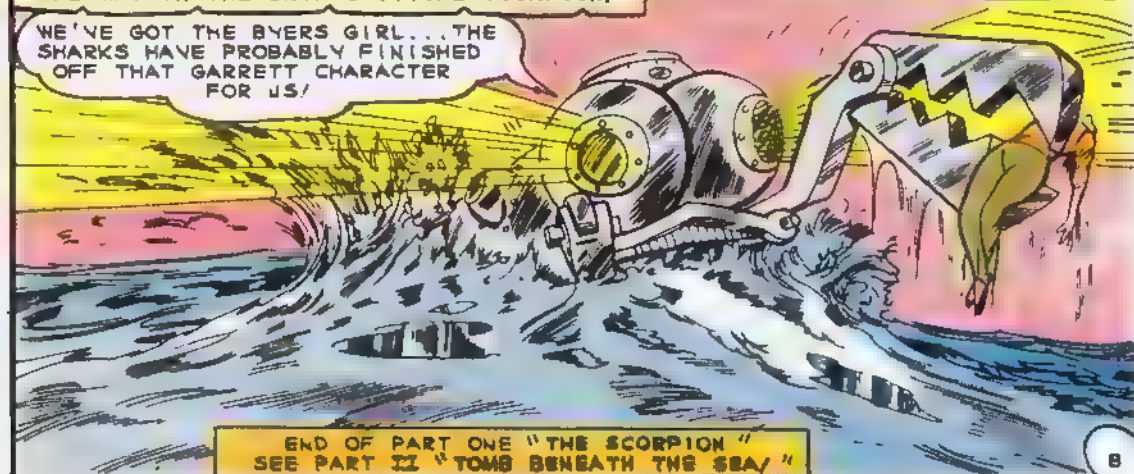
THEY'LL KILL US! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOAT I CAME IN WITH DR. GARRETT!

THEY'LL SINK THE BOAT, MISS BYERS! AND THEY'D SHOOT US IF WE TRIED TO REACH IT!



BLUE BEETLE TURNED AWAY...AND IN THAT INSTANT A GIANT STEEL CLAW BROKE THE SURFACE AND TORE THE GIRL AWAY FROM HER PERCH ON THE TEXAS TOWER! SHE WAS IN THE GRIP OF...THE SCORPION!

WE'VE GOT THE BYERS GIRL...THE SHARKS HAVE PROBABLY FINISHED OFF THAT GARRETT CHARACTER FOR US!



END OF PART ONE "THE SCORPION"
SEE PART II "TOMB BENEATH THE SEA!"



!!ATTENTION CAPTAIN ATOM FANS!! Thanks to the terrific response, Captain Atom...the origin...and Ditko originals are on your news-stands now!

Dear Editor:

The BLUE BEETLE has a good writer, an artist who is improving with every issue, and a good editor. To have a good comic you've got to have a good editor. Your comic is the only one that I have ever seen that actually names their competitors (good for you), it's about time somebody mentioned another comic pubbing company. I was getting tired of the editors referring to the other companies as that one or this company (and so on).

You give the fans what they want, a letter column for one thing, the pin-up is something that marvel is doing, the fans want it so Stan Lee gives it to them, I hope you use this policy too. The contest is a good way to give out original art work, you should have more contests that have art for a prize.

Hugh Surratt
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Dear Hugh:

Sure we name our competitors...why not? They're darn good! Charlton is rather new at this Super-Stuff, but, we'll catch up. Let me know what you think of "Son of Vulcan", our newest, and "Captain Atom" our revival. I'm glad you liked the contest, we'll do it again very shortly.

!NOTICE!

With this issue, B.B. has had his number changed. This is the sixth issue of our Blue Boy... but we call it issue 50. Next one is issue 51. If you think you're confused, you should see our bookkeeper. I would try explaining the reason...but that would be MORE CONFUSING!

Congratulations to the winners of our "Costume Contest" in issue number 4. The overwhelming majority insisted we keep the costume as it is! Thanks for your fantastic response. EACH OF THE WINNERS LISTED BELOW RECEIVED AN ORIGINAL PAGE OF ART FROM ISSUE 4 OF "BLUE BEETLE."

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Dear Editor:

At the risk of losing my chance for some original art (which I would very much like to own), I must state BLUE BEETLE'S faults lie not with his costume but with his scripts. For example: (1) Dan Garrett is too much of a scientific genius (No man is that smart!); (2) as Garrett, the Beetle is still indestructible (So the poor villian hasn't got a fighting chance!); (3) the Beetle hasn't yet been given definite super-powers and they seem to change with each issue (How about that?). Do something about the fore-mentioned faults and I'm sure sales will improve even more.

L.L. Simpson
Rt. 10 - 75705
Tyler, Texas

Dear L.L.:

You're right pal! We're going to make Dan Dumber, take away his vitamin pills, and take an ad in the paper listing BB's powers. Seriously, a lot of what you say is true and thanks to letters like yours we know what to correct. Keep them coming.



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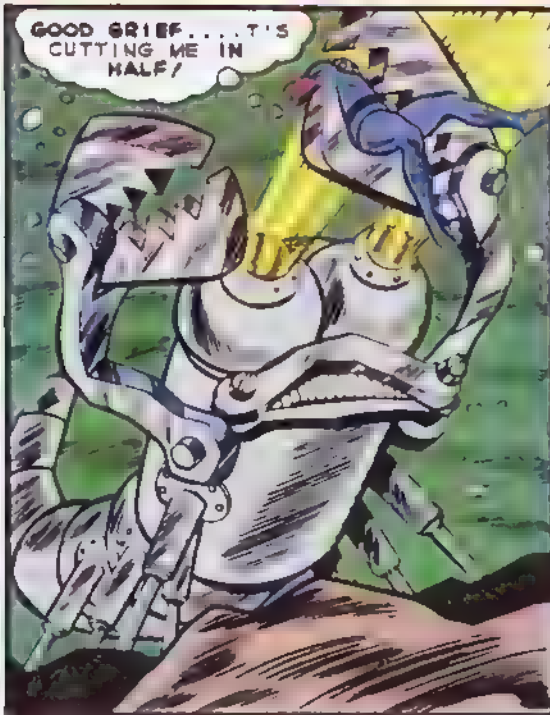
IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE... I HAVE HEARD OF HIM... NOW WE SHALL SEE IF HE IS AN INTERESTING ADVERSARY FOR MY SCORPION...
GRAB HIM!



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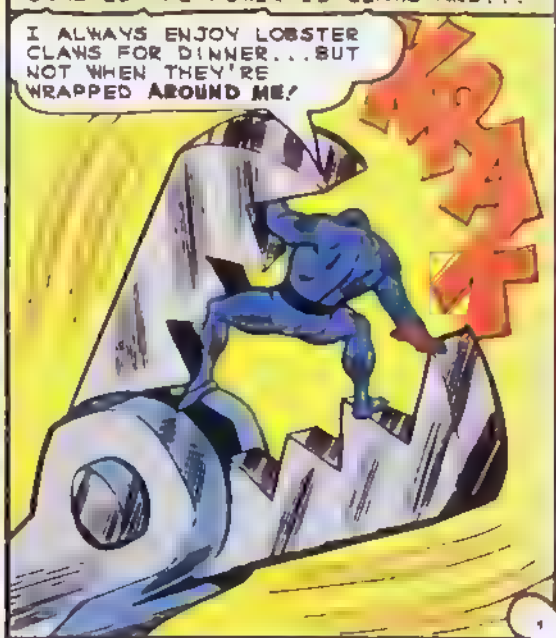
TOMB BENEATH THE SEA

GOOD GRIEF... IT'S CUTTING ME IN HALF!



CALLING ON THE POWERS GRANTED BY THE ANCIENT PHARAOHS... BLUE BEETLE GRASPED THE POWERFUL CLAWS AND...

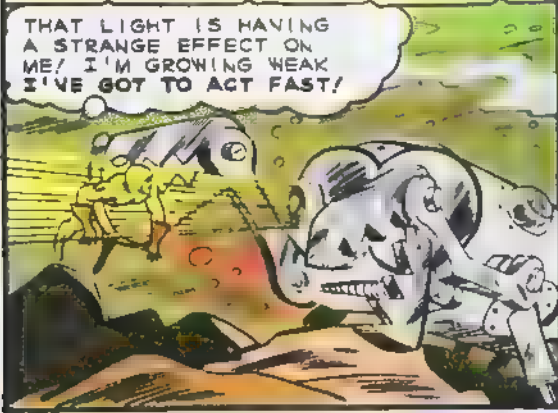
I ALWAYS ENJOY LOBSTER CLAWS FOR DINNER... BUT NOT WHEN THEY'RE WRAPPED AROUND ME!



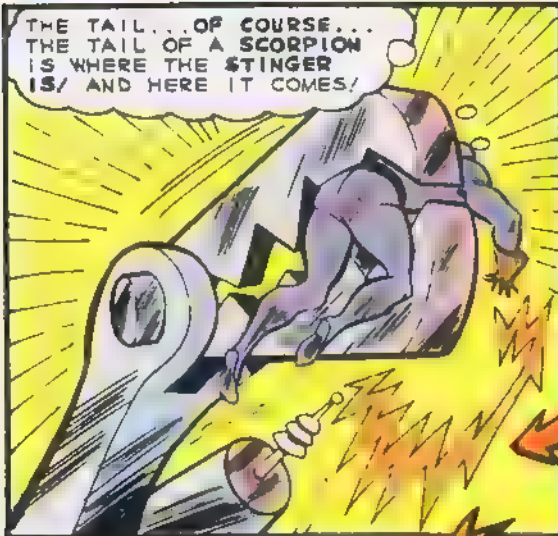
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THE OTHER CLAW REACHED OUT... THE EYES WERE BALEFUL NOW AND THE BEAMS WERE MORE INTENSE! BLUE BEETLE'S EYES BURNED WHEN HE TRIED TO LOOK INTO THESE GLARING ORBS HE WAS WEAKENING FAST!

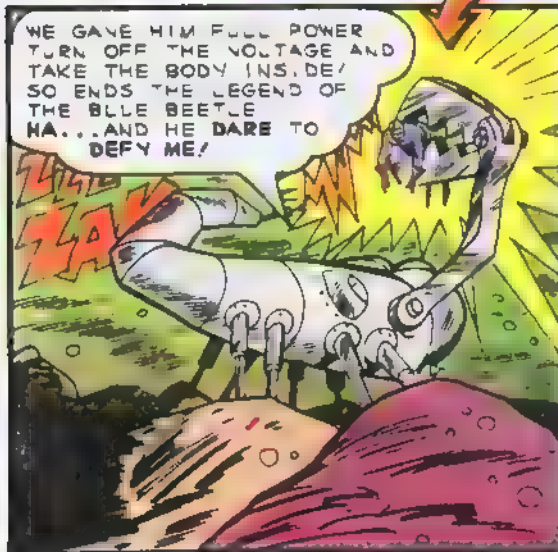
THAT LIGHT IS HAVING A STRANGE EFFECT ON ME! I'M GROWING WEAK! I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST!



THE TAIL... OF COURSE... THE TAIL OF A SCORPION IS WHERE THE STINGER IS! AND HERE IT COMES!

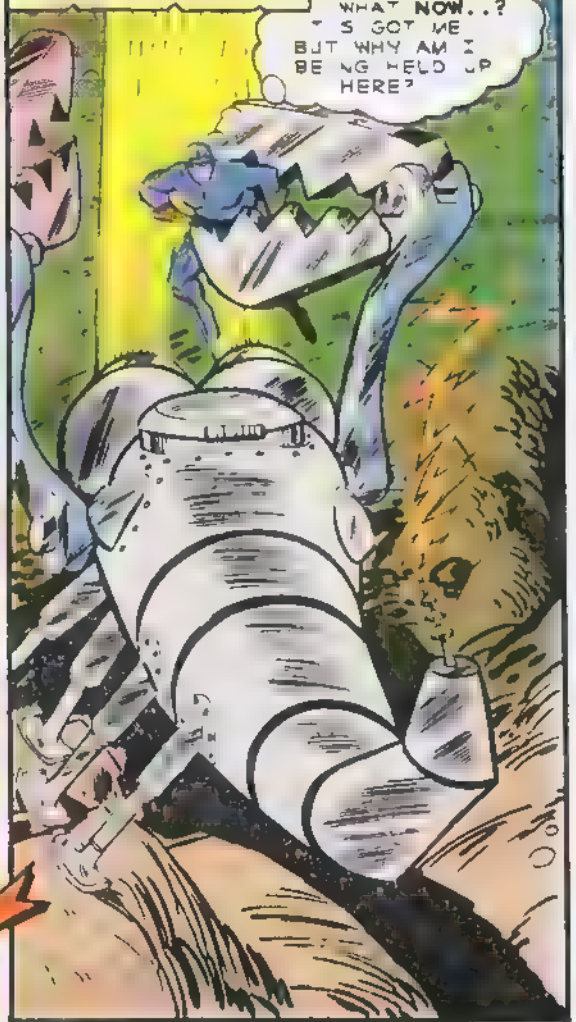


WE GAVE HIM FULL POWER! TURN OFF THE VOLTAGE AND TAKE THE BODY INSIDE! SO ENDS THE LEGEND OF THE BLUE BEETLE! HA... AND HE DARE TO DEFEY ME!

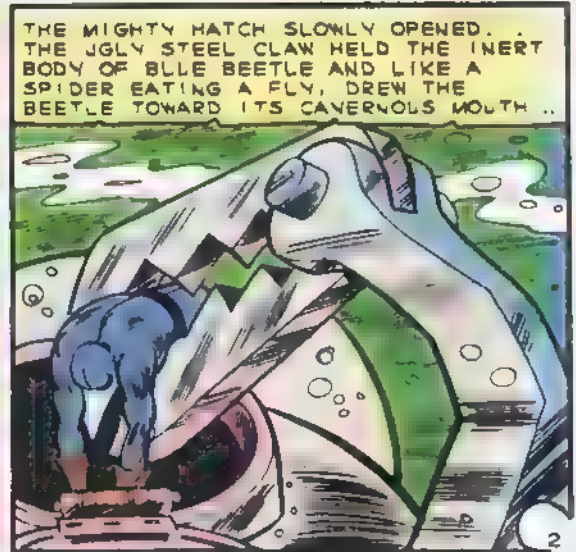


BUT THE CLAW WAS FASTER! HE WAS GRIPPED AND THROWN ABOVE THE GREAT SCORPION

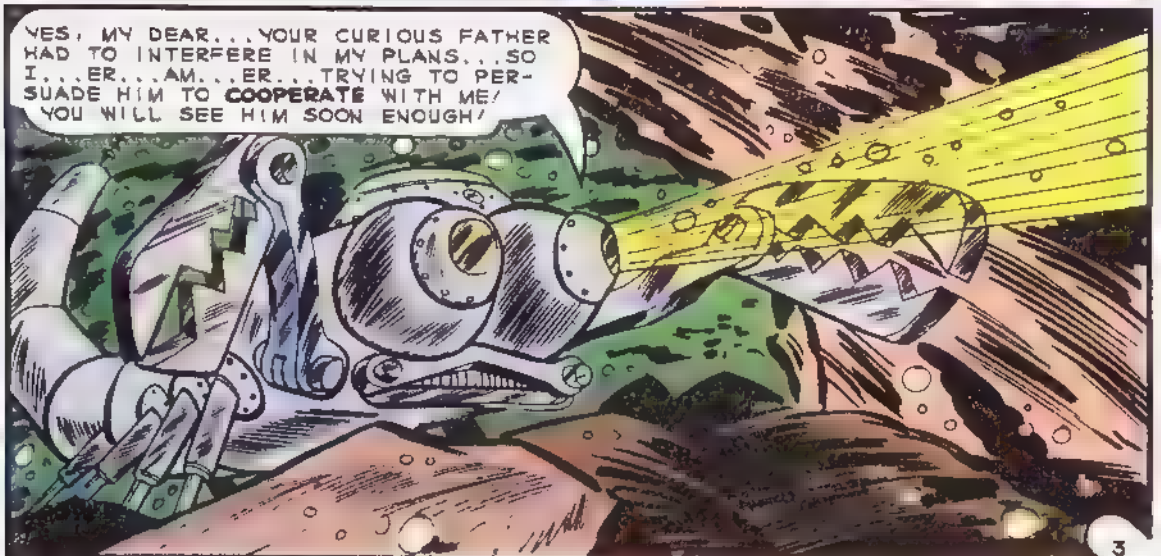
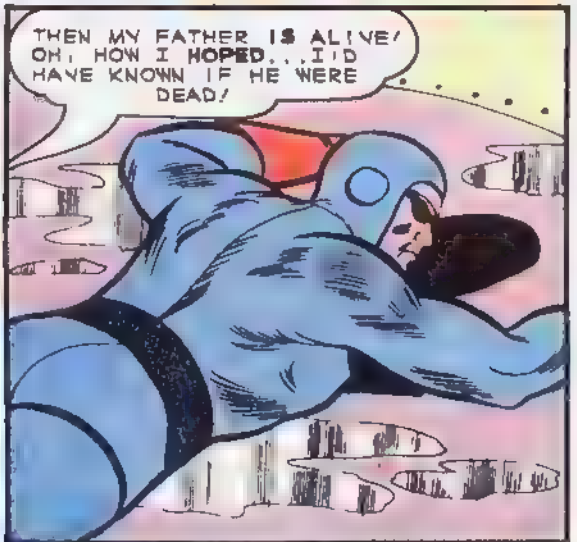
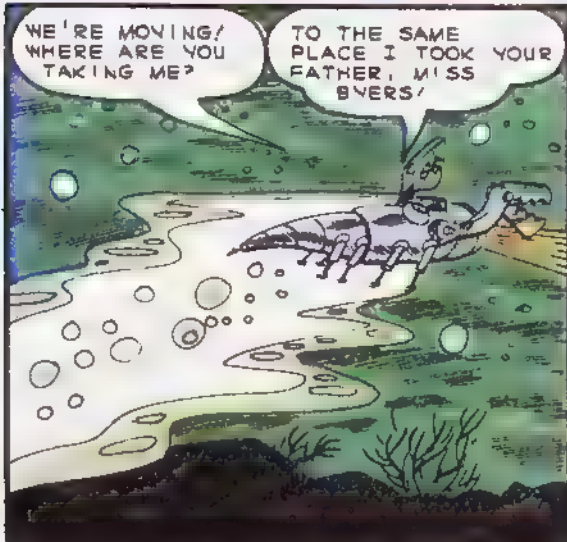
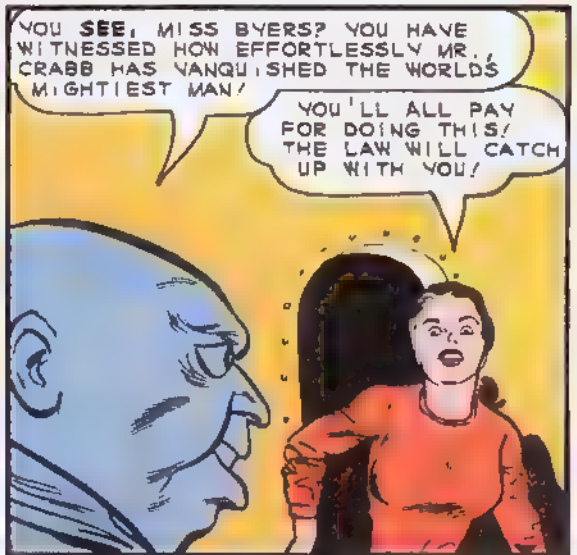
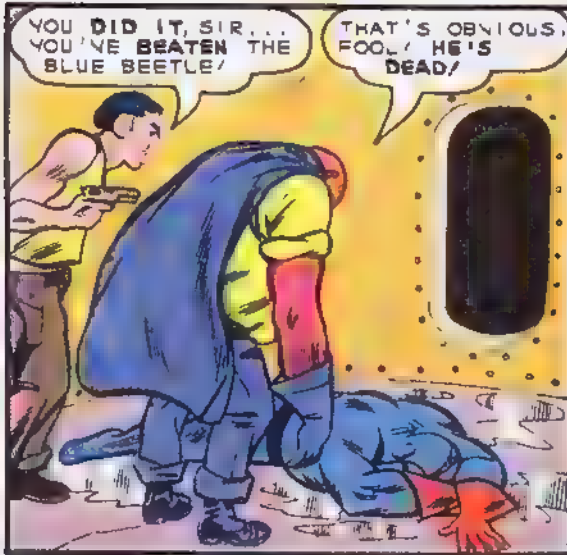
WHAT NOW...? I'S GOT ME BUT WHY AM I BEING HELD UP HERE?



THE MIGHTY HATCH SLOWLY OPENED... THE UGLY STEEL CLAW HELD THE INERT BODY OF BLUE BEETLE AND LIKE A SPIDER EATING A FLY, DREW THE BEETLE TOWARD ITS CAVERNOUS MOUTH...



BLUE BEETLE

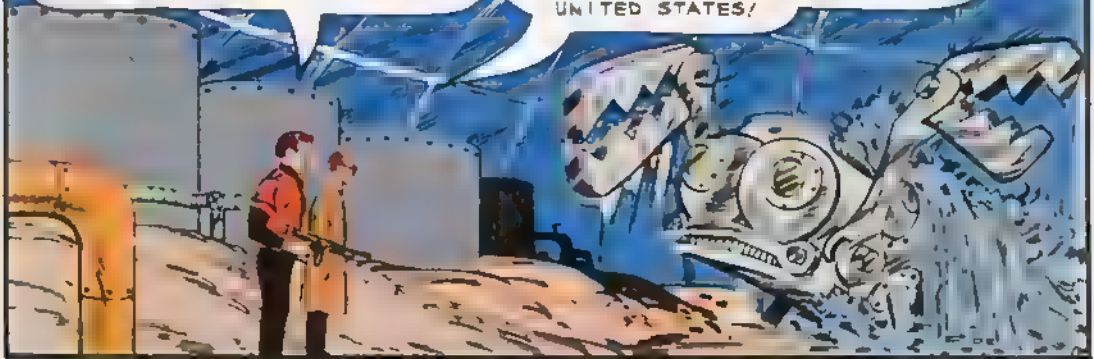


BLUE BEETLE

ENTERING THE CAVE...WHICH HAD A TUNNEL SLOPING UPWARD...THE SCORPION CLAWED ON ITS EIGHT LEGS UNTIL IT EMERGED INTO AIR! THIS WAS A HUGE CAVE...BENEATH A DOME AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!

WONDER WHEN THE SCORPION'S GONNA TAKE THE NEXT BUNCH INSHORE TO SPEND A WEEK-END AT GALVESTON OR NEW ORLEANS?

YOU MEN SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH THE SUCCESS OF THIS OIL OPERATION AND LESS WITH HAVING GOOD TIMES IN THE UNITED STATES!



CRABB'S GETTIN' RICH AND YOU'RE GETTIN' FAT PAYCHECKS! THE REST OF US WHO DO THE DIRT WORK LIKE WRECKIN' BYERS' OIL RIG AND TAKIN' HIM PRISONER...WE GET PAID OFF IN PEANUTS!

SUDDENLY, SCORPION VEERED TOWARD THE SULLEN GUARD...AND THE HUGE CLAW WAS REACHING OUT, GRASPING ANOTHER VICTIM!

EEEEEEII! LET ME GO!

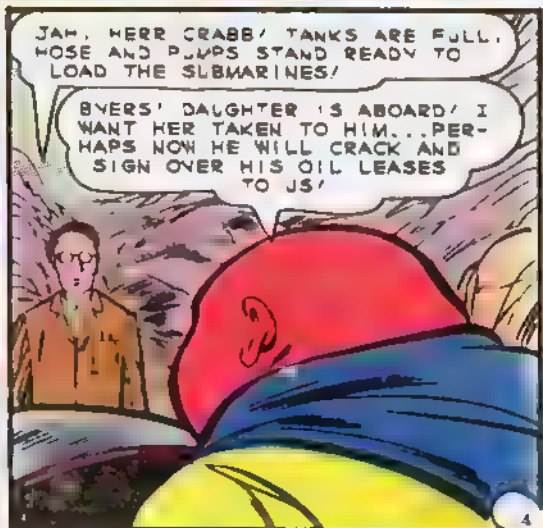
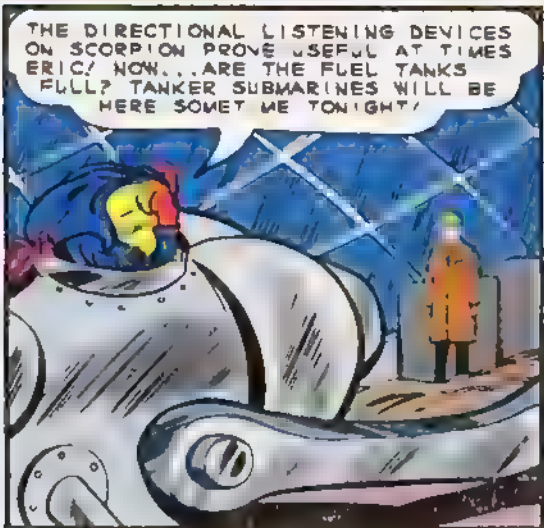
MINIMUM VOLTAGE...THE THUG IS USEFUL...AND IT WOULD CREATE UNREST AMONG THE OTHERS IF WE WERE TOO SEVERE!



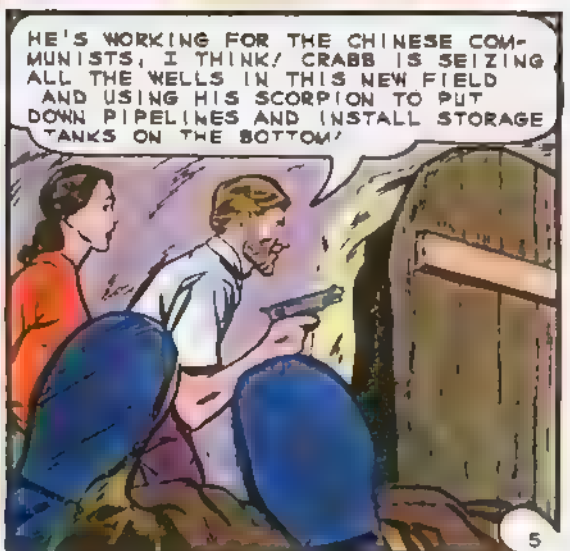
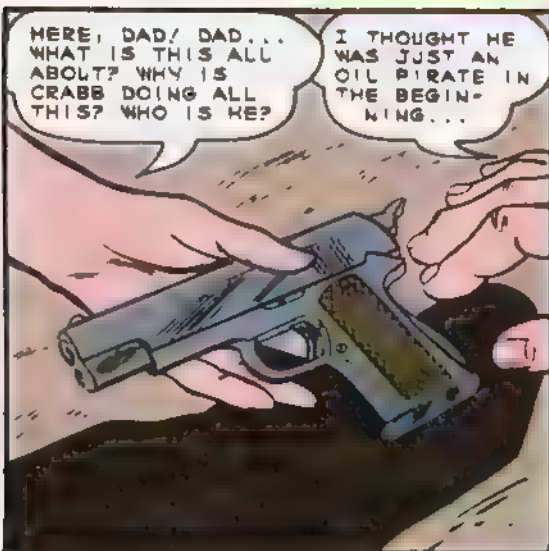
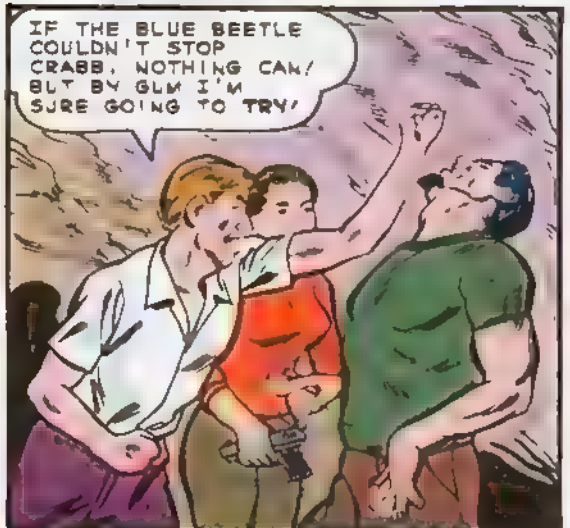
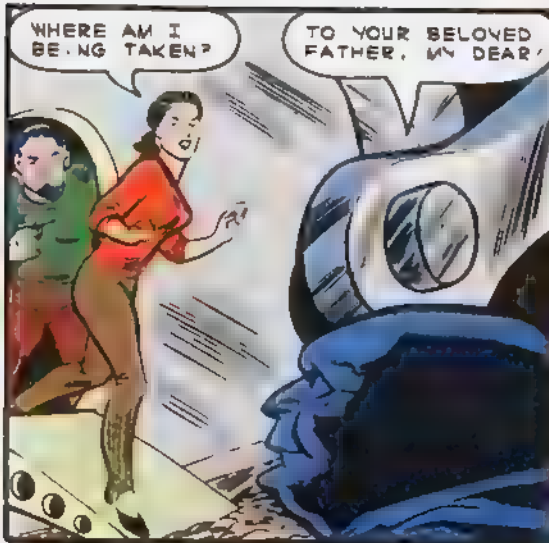
THE DIRECTIONAL LISTENING DEVICES ON SCORPION PROVE USEFUL AT TIMES ERIC! NOW...ARE THE FUEL TANKS FULL? TANKER SUBMARINES WILL BE HERE SOMETIME TONIGHT!

JAH, HERR CRABB! TANKS ARE FULL, HOSE AND PUMPS STAND READY TO LOAD THE SUBMARINES!

BYERS' DAUGHTER IS ABOARD! I WANT HER TAKEN TO HIM...PERHAPS NOW HE WILL CRACK AND SIGN OVER HIS OIL LEASES TO US!



BLUE BEETLE



BLUE BEETLE

MEANWHILE A STEEL CAPSULE WAS CARRIED ABOARD THE SCORP ON... IN WHICH TO PLACE BLUE BEETLE THE LATEST VICTIM TO BE ENTOMBED IN THE HUGE TOMB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

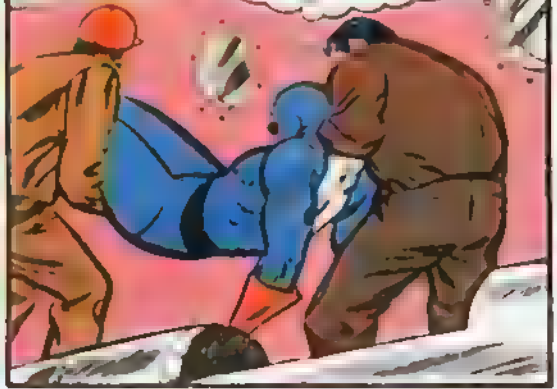
REMOVE THIS REMINDER OF MAN'S WEAKNESS FROM MY SIGHT... BLUE BEETLE AND SEA... PERPETUAL...

THE SHOCK IS WEARING OFF... GOT TO DO SOMETHING...



FOR MEN... FETTERED THE SEEVINGLY LIFELESS FORM, READY TO ENTOMB HIM... FOREVER!

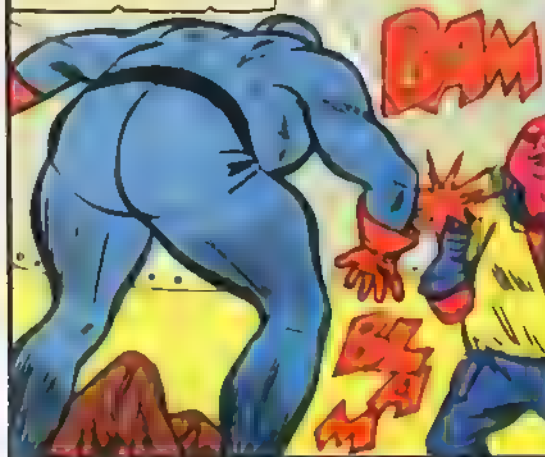
IT'S NOW OR NEVER DON'T FAIL ME NOW POWERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT!



WITH A TREMENDOUS SURGE OF POWER THE BLUE BEETLE SPRANG THE CREWMEN FELL LIKE WITHERED LEAVES BEFORE HIS SAVAGE ONSLAUGHT!



NOW HE WAS READY FOR MR. CRABB AND THE MASTER OF SCORP ON SHOT AGAIN AND AGAIN!



THE OIL PUMP LEAPED BACKWARD TOUCHING A BUTTON AND AN INCH THICK STEEL DOOR SLAMMED IN BLUE BEETLE'S FACE! BLUE BEETLE BOUNCED OFF IT... STUNNED BY THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT!

AN ALMOST ODORLESS GAS... CARBON MON-OXIDE! IN A FEW MOMENTS... WE'LL ALL BE DEAD!



END OF PART II SEE PART III "OILSTRIKE!"

BLUE BEETLE

IMPRISONED IN A STEEL CELL ABOARD SCORPION, BLUE BEETLE WAS SLOWLY LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS... THE CARBON MONOXIDE WAS GETTING HIM...

YOU SEE, FOOL? YOU DARED TO GO AGAINST ME SO YOU MUST DIE!

CAN'T... CAN'T THINK! GOT TO... TO DO SOMETHING!

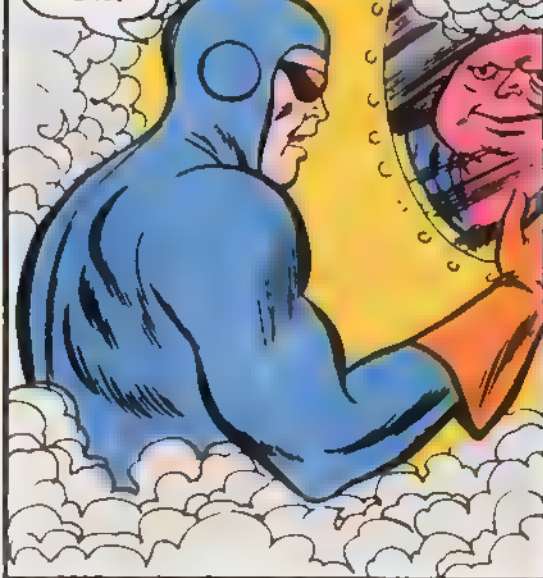


PART 3

OILSTRIKE

UNABLE TO THINK, HIS WILL SAPPED BY THE DEADLY CARBON MONOXIDE... BLUE BEETLE NUMBLY KNEW HE WAS ABOUT TO DIE!

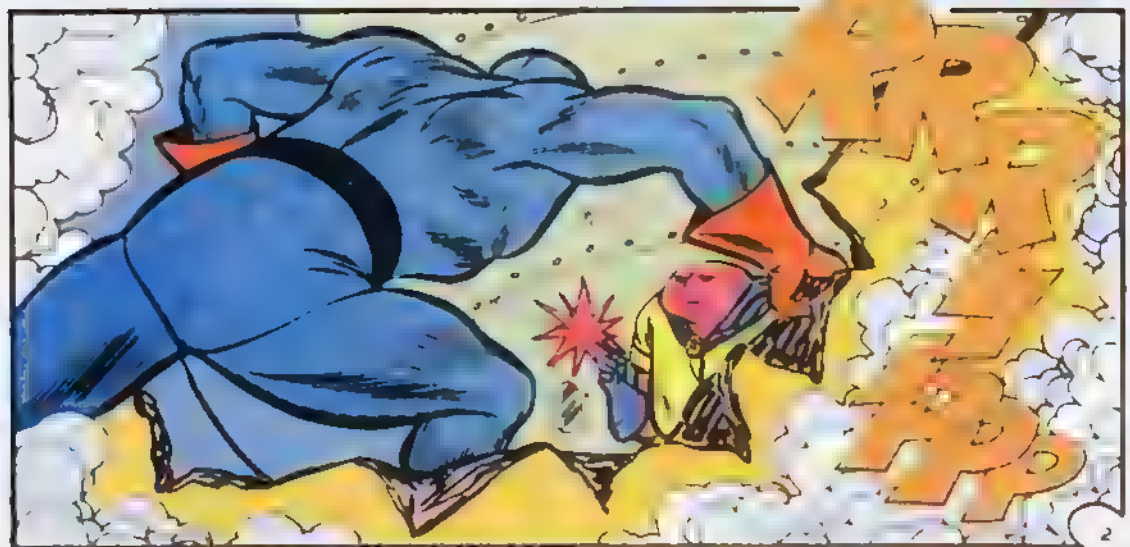
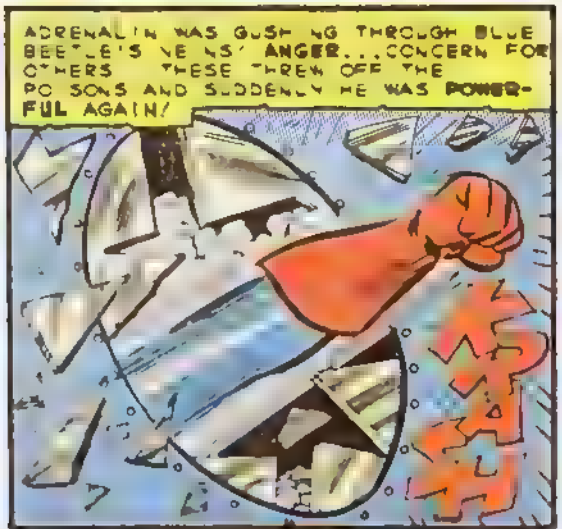
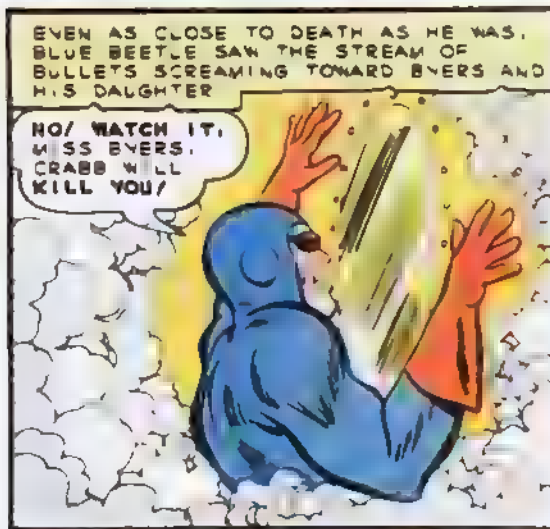
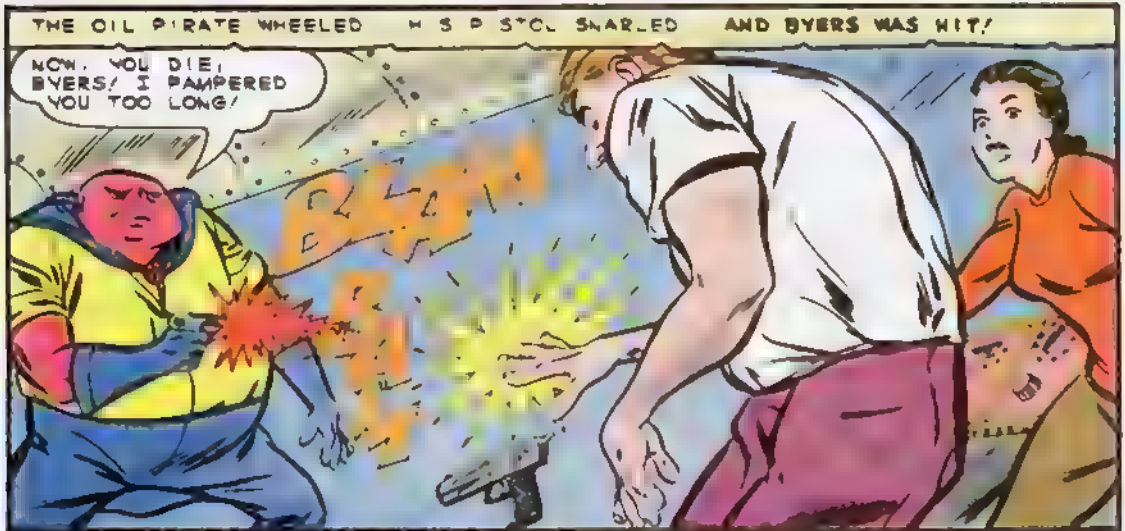
YOU FIEND!



ALL RIGHT CRABB -- TURN AROUND!



BLUE BEETLE

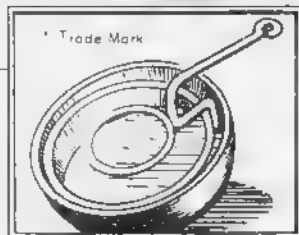


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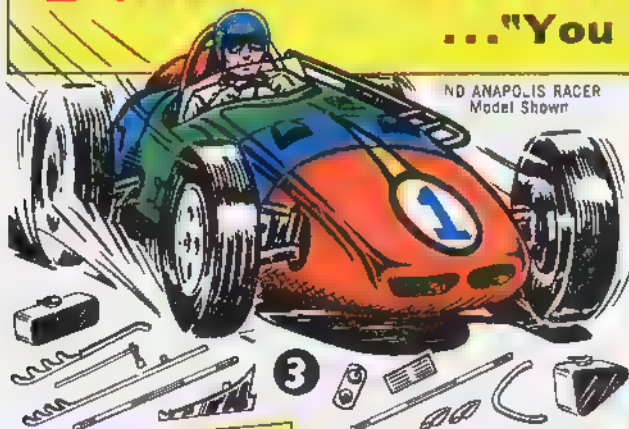
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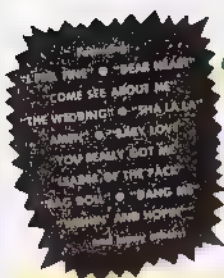
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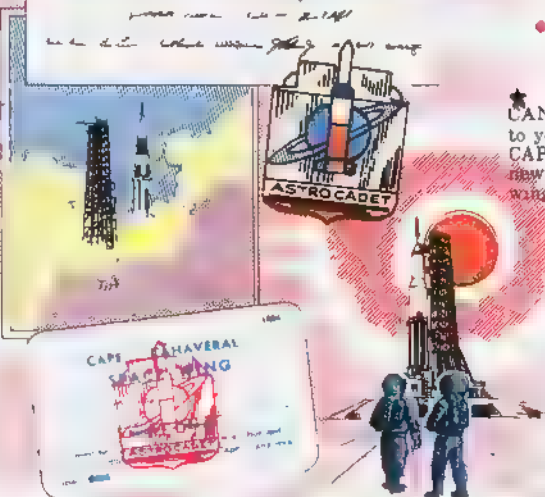
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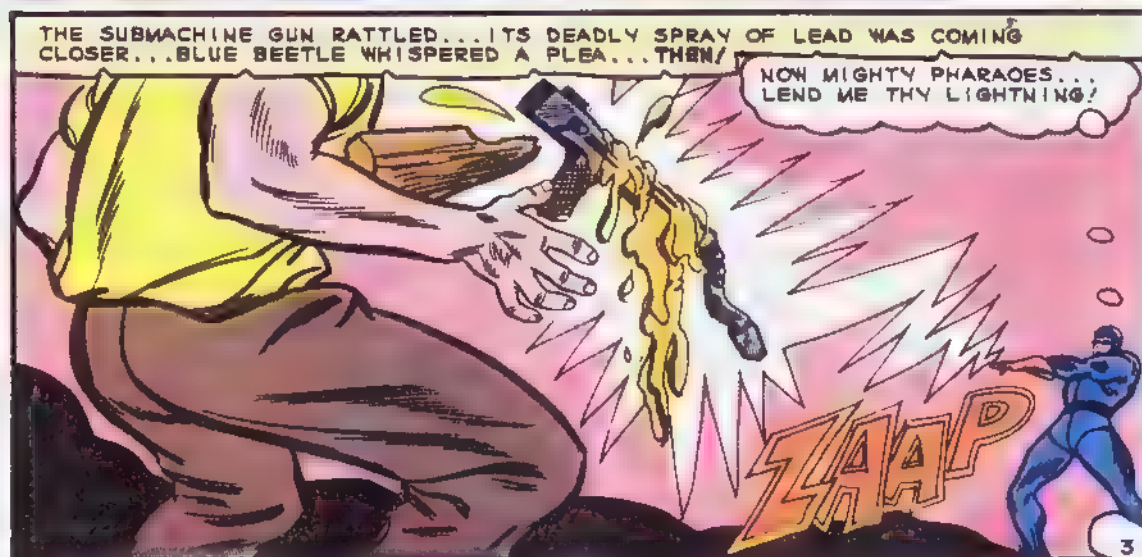
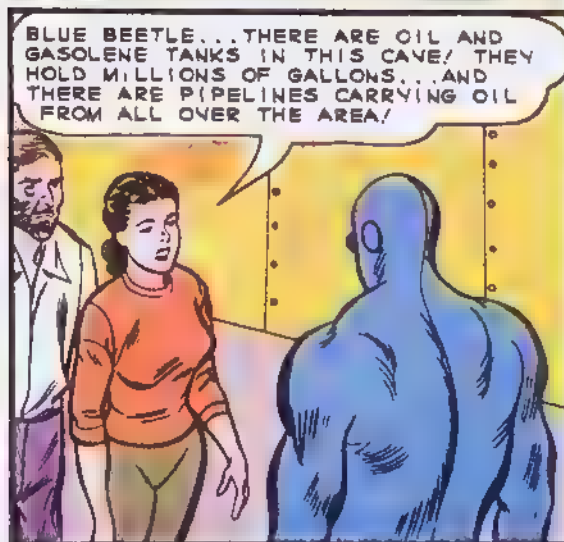
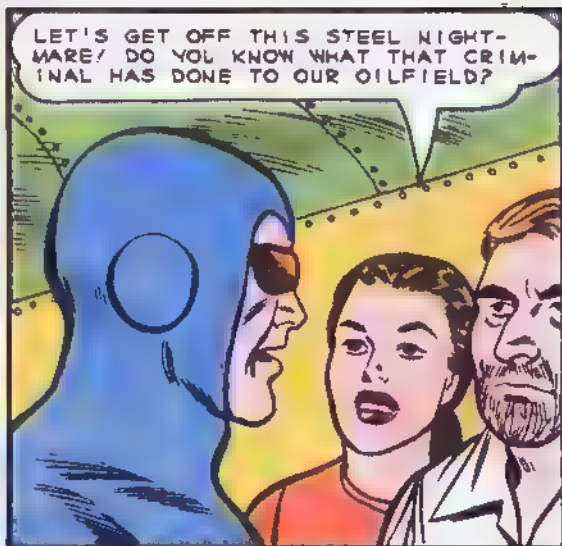
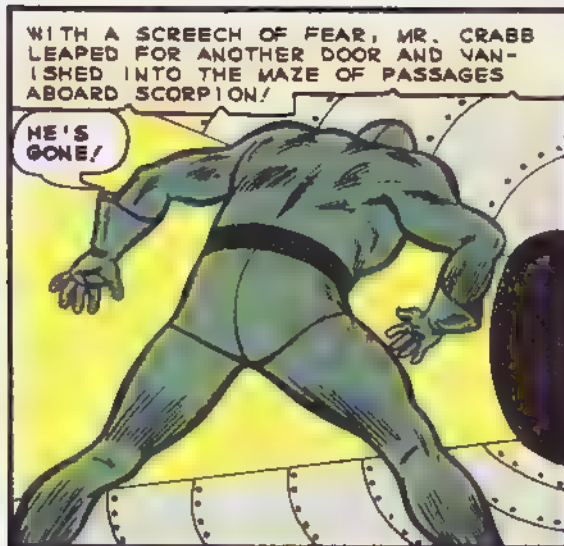
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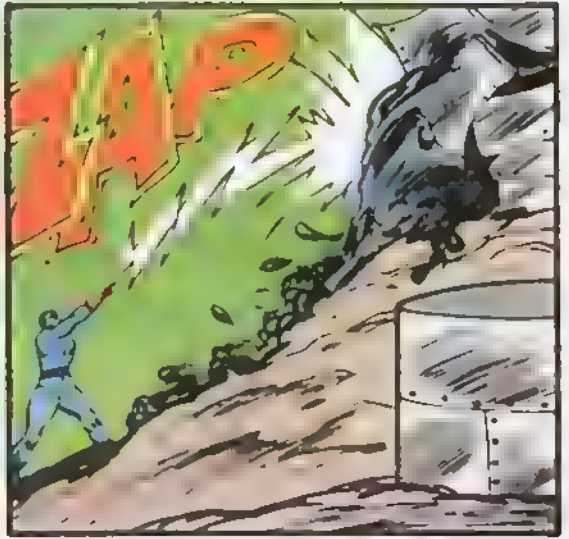
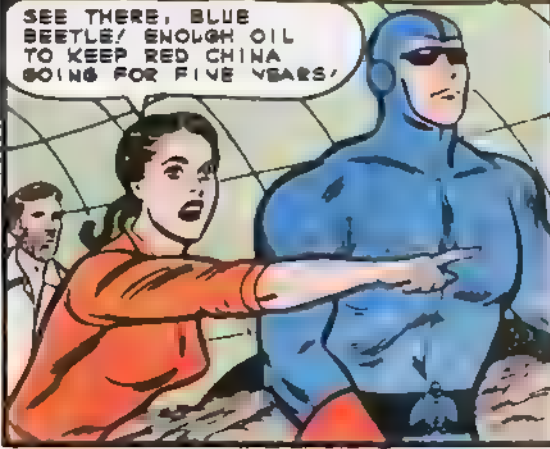
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BYERS YELLED TO BLUE BEETLE AND POINTED! STEEL TANKS CLUSTERED AT ONE END OF THE CAVE...

SEE THERE, BLUE BEETLE! ENOUGH OIL TO KEEP RED CHINA GOING FOR FIVE YEARS!



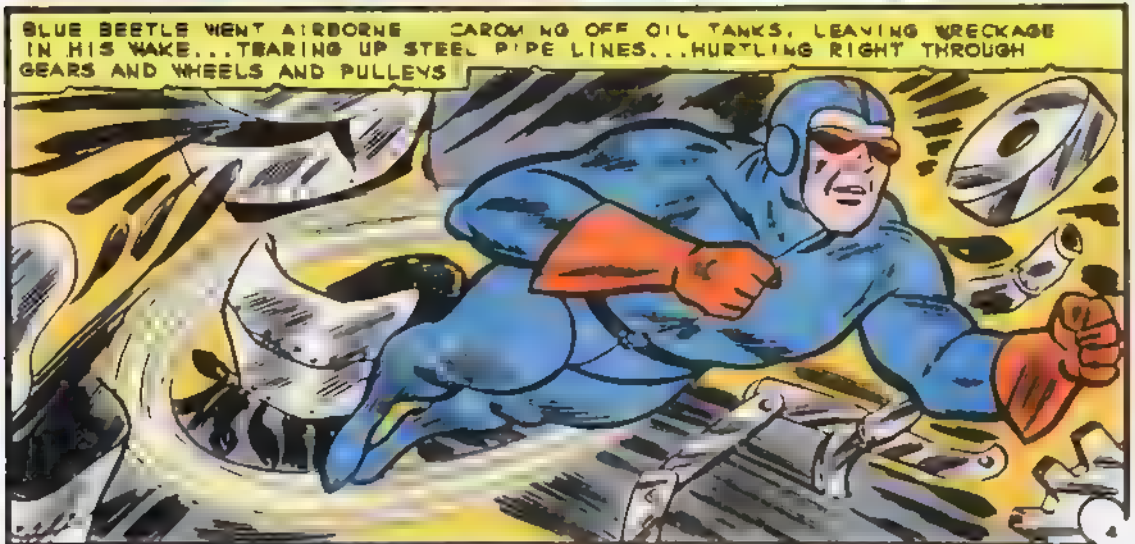
WITH ALL THAT OIL LOOSE... IF IT GOES ON FIRE, WE'LL ALL DIE!



AS SOON AS I WRECK THEIR PUMPING OPERATION WE'LL GET ABOARD THAT CRAWLING MODEL T AND SCRAMBLE!



BLUE BEETLE WENT AIRBORNE, CAROMING OFF OIL TANKS, LEAVING WRECKAGE IN HIS WAKE... TEARING UP STEEL PIPE LINES... HURTLING RIGHT THROUGH GEARS AND WHEELS AND PULLEYS!



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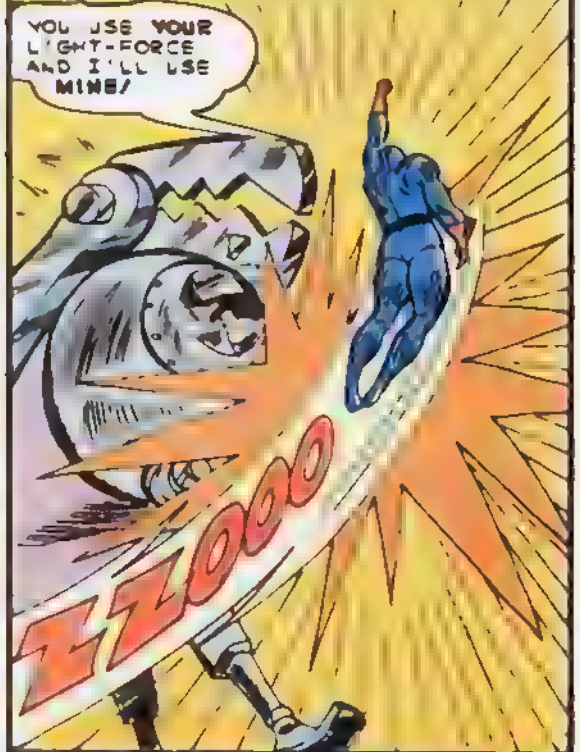
SCORPION WAS MOVING AS BLUE BEETLE CRASHED THROUGH THE LAST MAZE OF PIPES AND TANKS AND SCREECHED TO A HALT BESIDE THE OILMAN AND HIS DAUGHTER!

WATCH IT...THE LIGHT WILL BLIND YOU! AND DON'T GO NEAR THE TAIL!

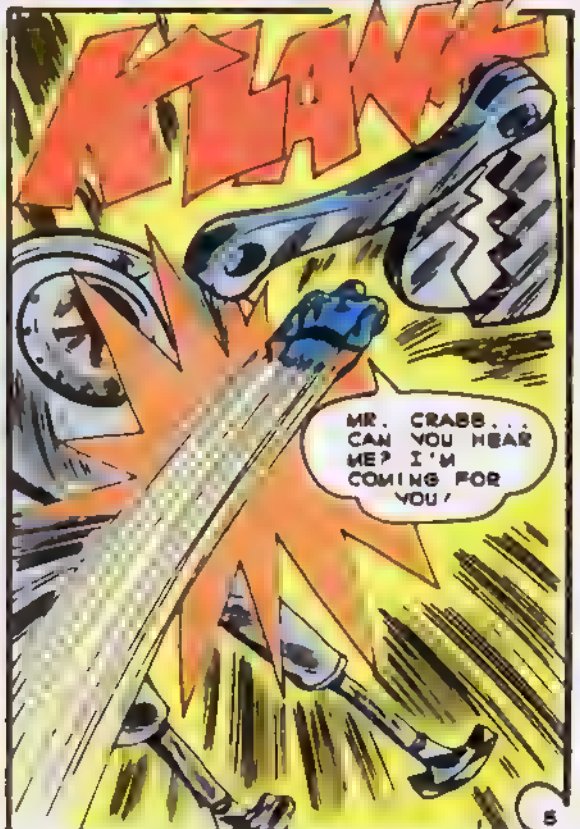


HURLING SHATTERING BOLTS OF FORCE, BLUE BEETLE "BLINDED" THE SCORPION FIRST!

YOU USE YOUR LIGHT-FORCE AND I'LL USE MINE!



NOW LET'S PLAY "CAN-OPENER" YOU'RE THE CAN!

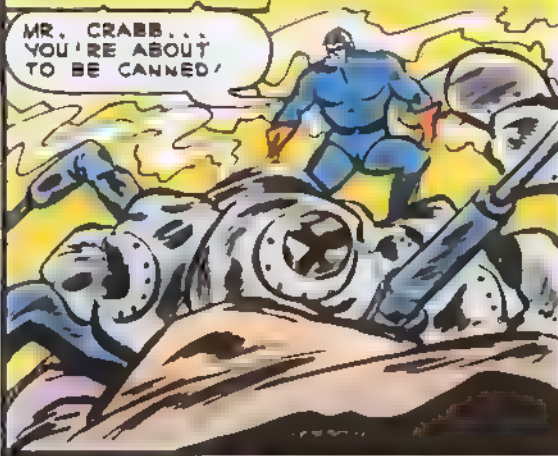


MR. CRASS... CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M COMING FOR YOU!

BLUE BEETLE

BLUE BEETLE KNEW THE BATTLE WAS WON! ALL THAT REMAINED WAS TO REACH INSIDE THE SCORPION AND REMOVE MR. CRABB!

MR. CRABB... YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE CANNED!

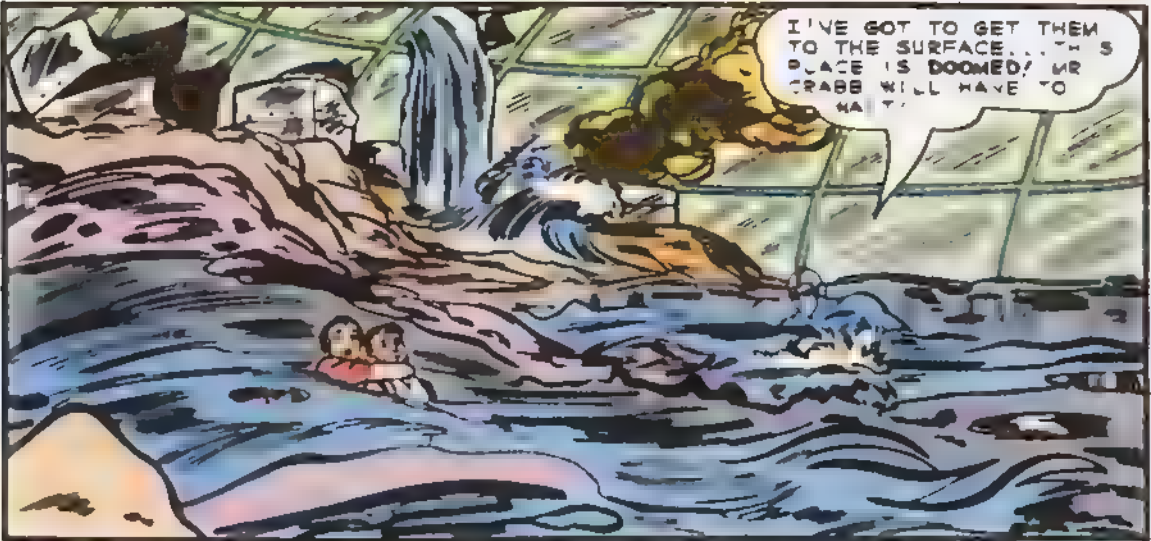


BUT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT THE CAVE WAS TORN BY A THUNDEROUS EXPLOSION!

THE TANKS ARE BLOWING... THE CAVE IS CRUMBLING...



I'VE GOT TO GET THEM TO THE SURFACE... THIS PLACE IS DOOMED! MR. CRABB WILL HAVE TO WAIT!



WITH DAZZLING SPEED, THE BLUE BEETLE CARRIED BYERS AND HIS DAUGHTER TO SAFETY!

OH, THANK HEAVENS WE MADE IT... I THOUGHT MY LUNGS WOULD BURST!

WHAT ABOUT MR. CRABB, BLUE BEETLE?



I DON'T KNOW, HE MAY HAVE GONE DOWN IN THE SCORPION, OR HE MAY TURN UP AGAIN TO TROUBLE AN ALREADY TROUBLED WORLD!



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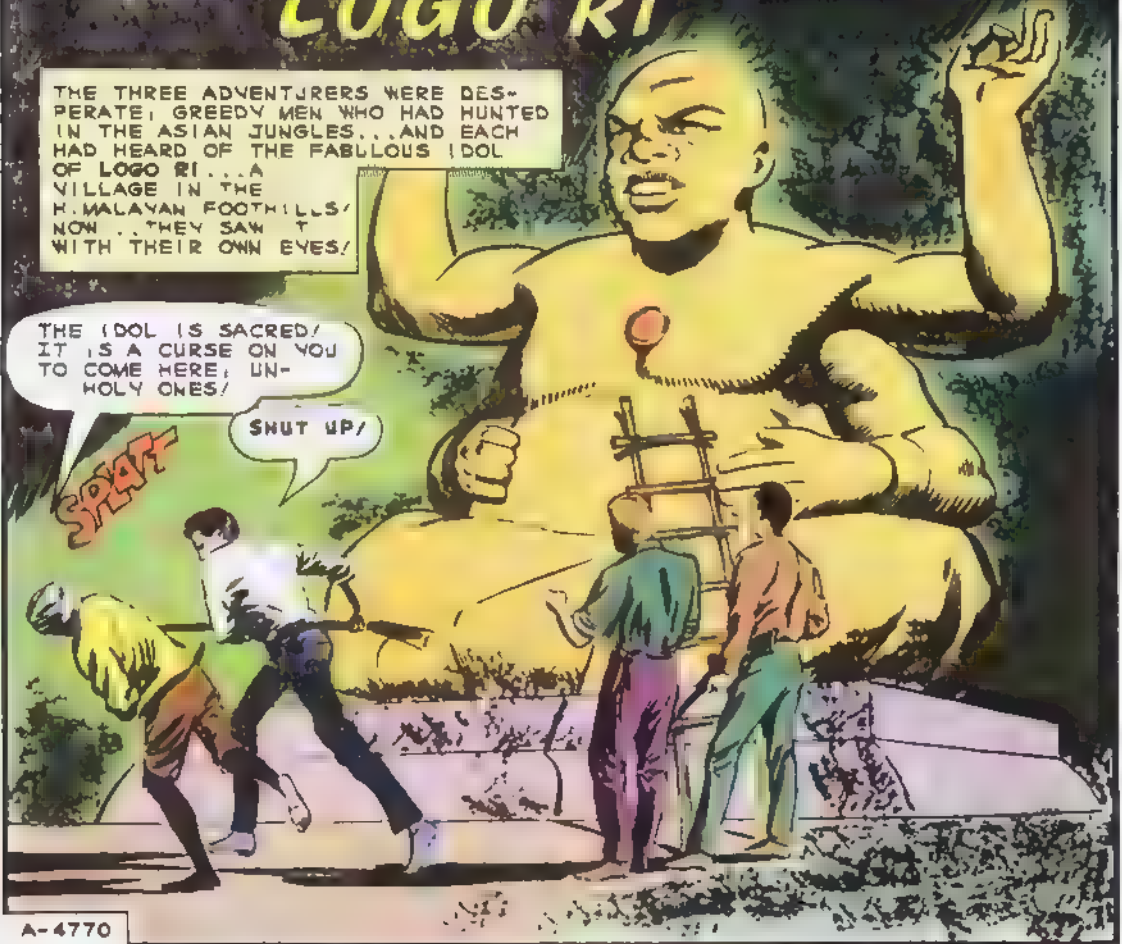
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TO COME HERE, UN-
HOLY ONES!

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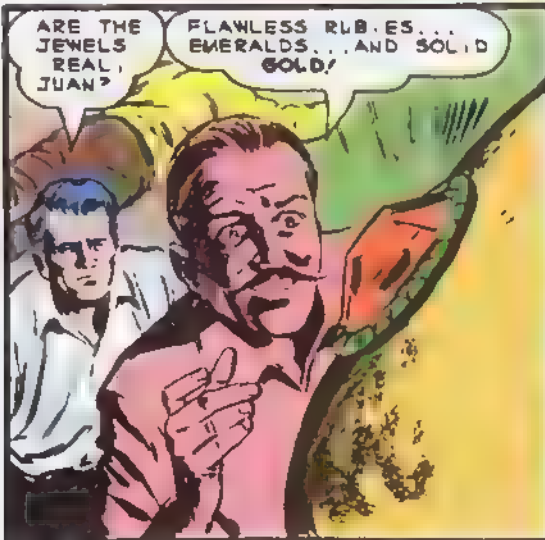
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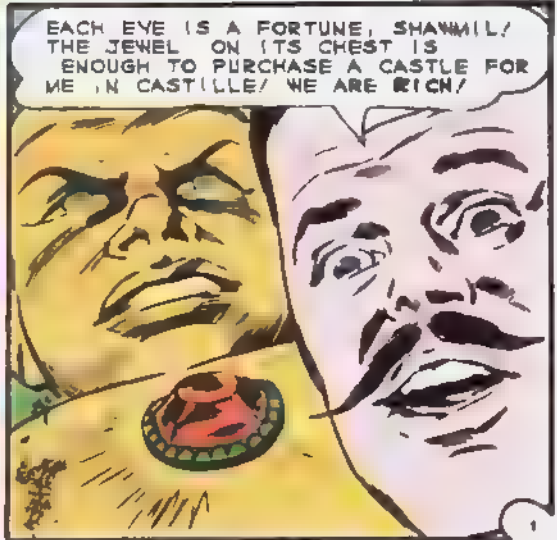
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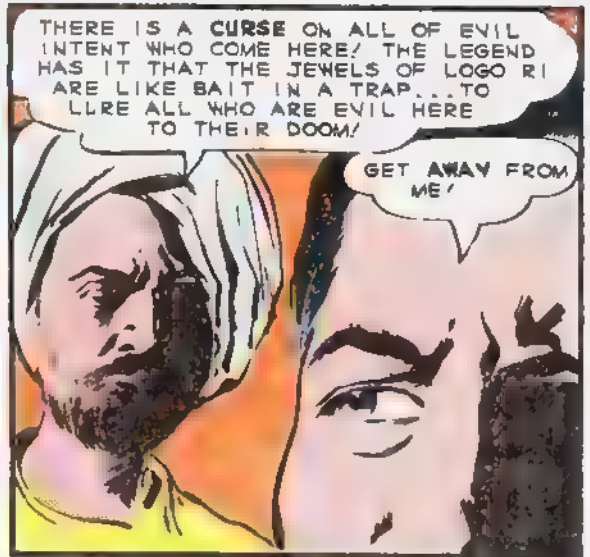
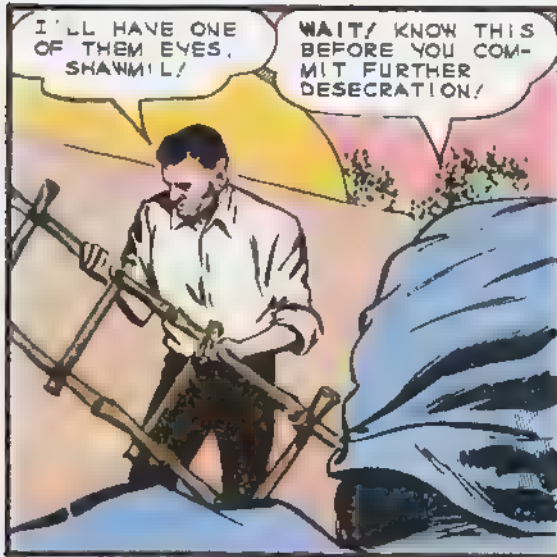
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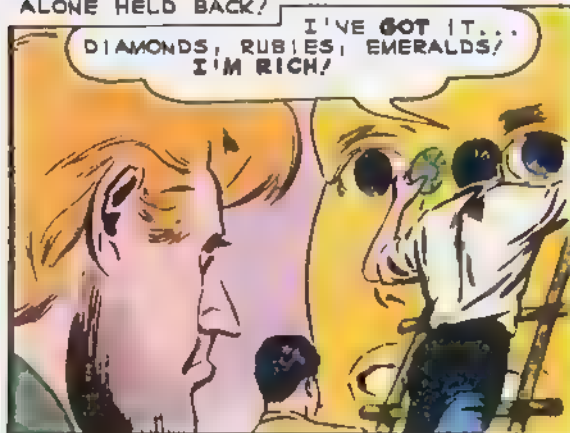
EACH EYE IS A FORTUNE, SHANMIL!
THE JEWEL ON ITS CHEST IS
ENOUGH TO PURCHASE A CASTLE FOR
ME IN CASTILE! WE ARE RICH!



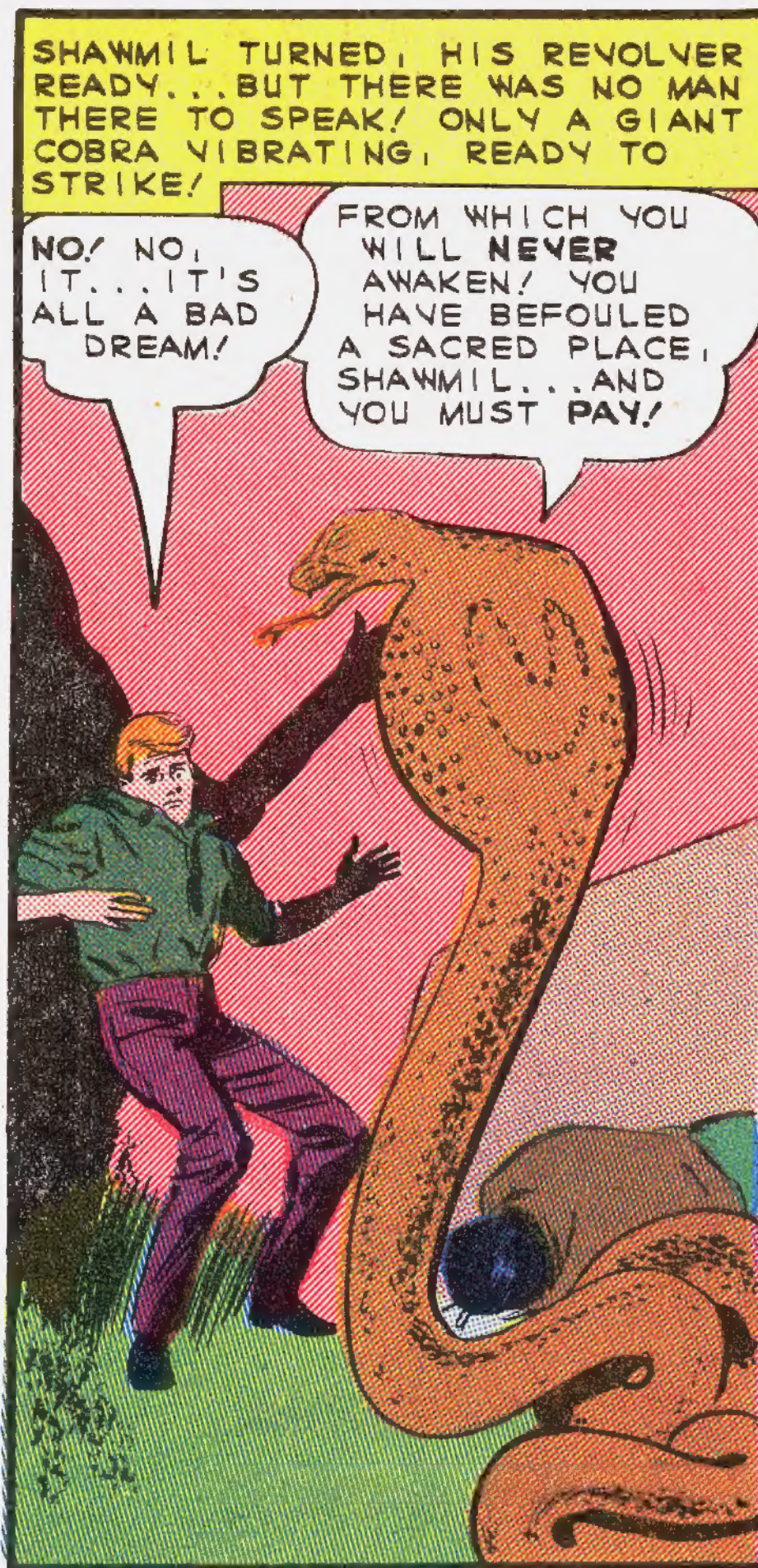
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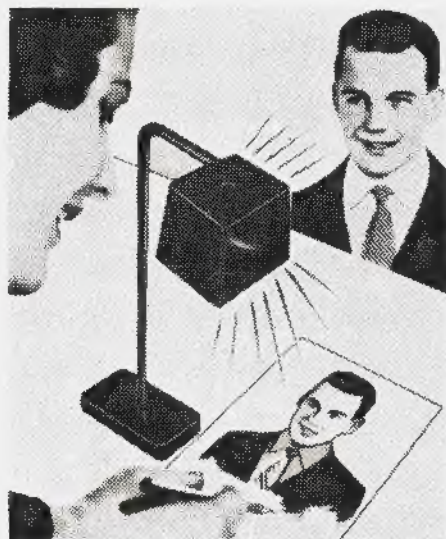
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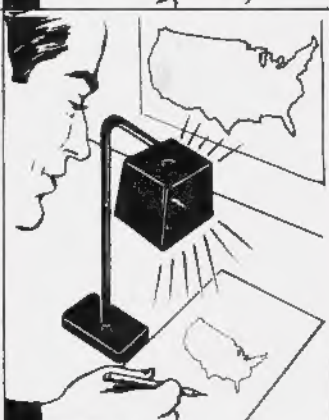
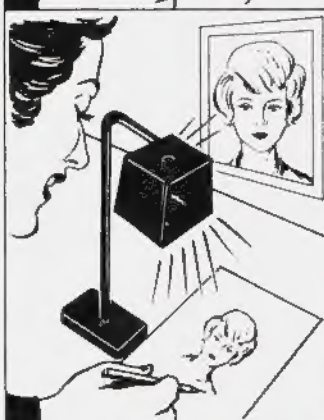
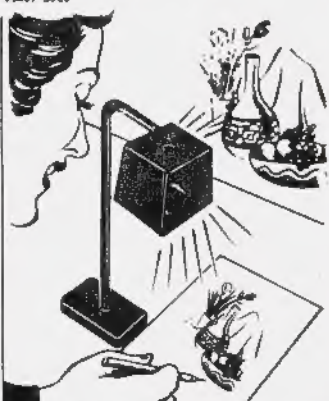
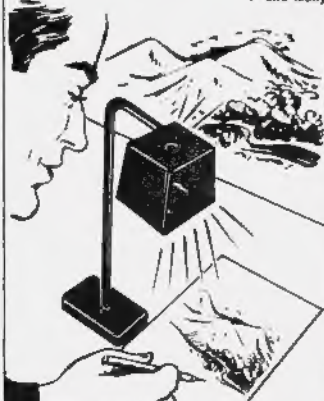
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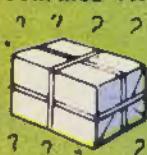
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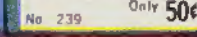
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